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SUBJECT: SANKEI POLL ON EMPEROR'S U.S. VISIT

SUMMARY: RESULTS SEPT 26 SANKEI TELEPHONE POLL IN 9/30 SANKEI ON EMPEROR'S U.S. VISIT CONDUCTED WITH 954 TOKYO-OSAKA RESPONDENTS SHOWED: (A) 63 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS APPROVED OF U.S. VISIT BY EMPEROR AND EMPRESS AS "A GOOD THING." MORE MALES (68) SUPPORTED THEIR VISIT THAN FEMALES (58). MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF THOSE AGED THIRTY YEARS OR OLDER SAID VISIT IS "A GOOD THING" WHILE RATE DROPPED TO LESS THAN 50 PERCENT FOR RESPONDENTS UNDER THIRTY. (B) 41 PERCENT ANTICIPATED CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND U.S. AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT. MORE MALES (49) THAN FEMALES (35) EXPECTED VISIT TO BRING CLOSER US-JAPAN TIES. (C) 55 PERCENT THOUGHT VISIT MAY CHANGE AMERICAN VIEW OF IMPERIAL FAMILY. (D) 46 PERCENT DID NOT THINK THAT VISIT WAS BEING POLITICALLY USED BY EIHER GOJ OR USG. ABOUT THREE OUT OF FIVE JCP SUPPORTERS TOOK VIEW IT WAS POLITICALLY USED, WHILE MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF LDP SUPPORTERS DID NOT THINK SO. (E) 47 PERCENT FELT UNEASY ABOUT AMERICAN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEIR MAJESTIES. (F) FOUR OUT OF FIVE RESPONDENTS WANTED EMPEROR EXPOSED TO JAPANESE PUBLIC THROUGH JAPANESE TELEVISION IN WAY SIMILAR TO WHAT HE DID WITH FOREIGN JOURNALISTS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR U.S. END SUMMARY. FULL TEXT QUESTIONS AND FINDINGS:

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1. THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS ARE TO VISIT AMERICA FOR FIFTEEN

DAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?:

(A) A GOOD THING, 63; (B) UNDESIRABLE 5; (C) CANNOT SAY EITHER WAY, 29; (D) DK, 3.

2. DO YOU EXPECT THAT THROUGH THEIR MAJESTIES' U.S. VISIT

FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA MAY BECOME EVEN CLOSER, OR DO YOU THINK IT MAY NOT HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON THIS

FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP?: (A) EXPECT CLOSER RELATIONS, 41; (B)

MAY NOT MUCH INFLUENCE FRIENDLY TIES, 49; (C) DK, 10.

3. DO YOU THINK AMERICAN VIEW OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL FAMILY

MAY CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THEIR MAJESTIES' U.S. VISIT?: (A)

MAY GREATLY CHANGE, 6; (B) MAY CHANGE SOMEWHAT, 49; (C) MAY NOT

CHANGE MUCH, 35; (D) MAY NOT CHANGE AT ALL, 4; (E) DK, 6.

4. DO YOU THINK THEIR MAJESTIES' U.S. VISIT IS BEING POLI-

TICALLY USED BY EITHER GOJ OR USG, OR DON'T YOU THINK SO?:

(A) POLITICALLY USED, 31; (B) DON'T THINK SO, 46; (C) DK, 23.

5. DO YOU FEEL UNEASY ABOUT AMERICAN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR

PROTECTING THEIR MAJESTIES' SAFETY, OR DON'T YOU FEEL UNEASY?:

(A) FEEL UNEASY, 47; (B) DO NOT FEEL UNEASY, 40; (C) DK, 13.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FORTHCOMING U.S. VISIT, THE EMPEROR

HAD PRESS CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO TELL ABOUT

HIS LONG-HELD VIEWS; AND HIS DAILY LIFE WAS INTRODUCED TO THE

AMERICAN PUBLIC OVER TELEVISION. DO YOU THINK IT IS BETTER

THAT THESE THINGS BE SHOWN TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLE THROUGH

JAPANESE PRESS AND TELEVISION, OR DO YOU THINK THERE IS NO NEED

FOR IT?: (A) BETTER TO BE SHOWN TO JAPANESE, 81; (B) NO NEED,

13; (C) DK, 6.

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